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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state child care assistance eligibility
2 requirements and provider reimbursement rates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD
2 CARE ASSISTANCE — FAMILY INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

3 1. The department of health and human services shall amend
4 its administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide
5 income eligibility for state child care assistance, according
6 to family size for children needing basic care, to families
7 whose nonexempt gross monthly income does not exceed the
8 following amounts according to the following schedule:

9 a. One hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level,
10 effective July 1, 2023.

11 b. One hundred sixty percent of the federal poverty level,
12 effective July 1, 2024.

13 c. One hundred seventy percent of the federal poverty level,
14 effective July 1, 2025.

15 d. One hundred eighty percent of the federal poverty level,
16 effective July 1, 2026.

17 e. One hundred ninety percent of the federal poverty level,
18 effective July 1, 2027.

19 f. Two hundred percent of the federal poverty level,
20 effective July 1, 2028.

21 2. The department of health and human services shall amend
22 its administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide
23 that child care assistance under the child care assistance
24 plus exit eligibility program shall continue until a family's
25 nonexempt gross monthly income exceeds two hundred fifty
26 percent of the federal poverty level.

27 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, for child
28 care providers reimbursed under the state child care assistance
29 program, the department of health and human services shall set
30 provider reimbursement rates based on the most recent market
31 rate survey completed in 2021.

32 Sec. 2. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of health and
33 human services may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4,
34 subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b",
35 to implement the provisions of this Act and the rules shall

1 be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date is
2 specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with
3 this section shall also be published as a notice of intended
4 action as provided in section 17A.4.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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8 This bill relates to the state child care assistance income
9 eligibility requirements for families and reimbursement rates
10 for child care providers.

11 The state child care assistance program is administered by
12 the department of health and human services (HHS). The bill
13 directs HHS to amend its administrative rules to provide income
14 eligibility for state child care assistance, according to
15 family size for children needing basic care, to families whose
16 nonexempt gross monthly income does not exceed 150 percent
17 of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2023; 160
18 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2024;
19 170 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July 1,
20 2025; 180 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July
21 1, 2026; 190 percent of the federal poverty level, effective
22 July 1, 2027; and 200 percent of the federal poverty level,
23 effective July 1, 2028. The bill also directs HHS to amend
24 its administrative rules to provide that eligibility for the
25 child care assistance plus exit program shall continue until a
26 family's nonexempt gross monthly income exceeds 250 percent of
27 the federal poverty level.

28 The bill directs HHS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
29 2023, to set reimbursement rates for child care providers under
30 the state child care assistance program to rates based on the
31 most recent market rate survey completed in 2021.